

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2005, please consider the preceding amendments and the following remarks made in a good faith attempt to move prosecution of this application forward to a proper allowance of the claims.

Please note that any and all fees associated with this response, including any applicable extension fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.136, and any fees for newly presented claims, may be charged to the deposit account of the undersigned, **Account No. 50-0894**.

Applicant here requests such extensions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 as may be necessary to render this response timely.

Please note that claim 1 has been amended and does not contain new matter. Claims 2, 6-8, and 12-13 have been canceled. As such, Applicant believes claims 1, 3-5, and 9-11 to be in condition for allowance.

Amendments to Claims

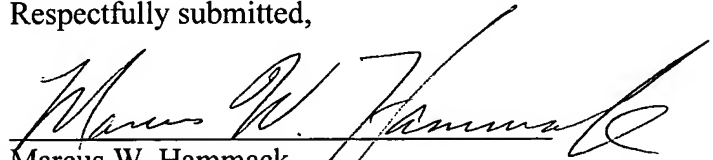
Claim 6 currently stands objected to because of informalities wherein two claimed elements lack proper antecedent basis. Additionally, claims 6-8 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In response, Applicant has canceled claims 6-8.

Claims 1, 12, and 13 currently stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,681,859. Also, claims 2-5 and 9-11 currently stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim; however, Examiner remarks that claims 2-5 and 9-11 "would be allowable if

rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.” Office Action, paragraph 10. In response, Applicant has canceled claims 2 and 12-13. Applicant has amended claim 1 to reflect Examiner’s proposed modification of claim 2. Applicant amended claim 3 to properly depend from amended claim 1. As such, Applicant believes claims 1, 3-5, and 9-11 to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully submits, that in view of the preceding, Claims 1, 3-5, and 9-11 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are hereby requested, and allowance of Claims 1, 3-5, and 9-11 at an early date is solicited. If impediments to allowance of the claims remain and a telephone conference between the undersigned and the examiner would help remove such impediments in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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